

## LOCAL NEWS.

—Weather bad.  
—Theatre Monday night.  
—Wheat in this section looks promising.  
—Another cold wave has struck us.

—But few country people coming to town this bad weather.  
—Quarterly Court next Monday.  
—For the past two weeks the boys about town have had a fine time coasting.

A full line of MAJOLICA WARE, at MUSE & SHAW'S.

—The steamer Colorado and City of Altoon burned to the water's edge at St. Louis last week.  
—The Literary Society meets at the Academy to-night. An interesting programme is announced.

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First class HEATING STOVES, at cost.

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—Mr. W. T. Buckner and daughter of Charleston, Mo., are visiting relatives in the city.

T. P. Fortune gives his personal attention to all prescriptions intrusted to his drug store for compounding.

—It is understood that the girls have adopted the following as their motto for leap year: "If you see what you want, ask for it."

BRAND NEW FEATHER BEDS, new ticks, bed everything, any size and weight, at T. F. WILBURN & CO'S.

—The knowing ones hearabout, as is generally the case, predict a failure of the fruit crop this coming season.

PARTNER WANTED—One half interest in the Hickman Courier newspaper and Job Printing Office is offered for sale on reasonable terms, to a good printer, to one competent to act as associate editor and business manager.

—If it is true that cold winters are followed by good crops, our farmers will "strike a bonanza" this year, provided they will go to work.

ALL parties indebted to Alexander & Maxwell are kindly requested to come forward and settle.

—Winter is not over yet. Venor says, "The latter part of January will be mild, but February again cold and stormy."

—We hear several of our countrymen spoken of as probable candidates for the office of sheriff, at the ensuing August election.

—The members of Kentucky Lodge, K. of H. are respectfully requested to attend the meeting to-night.

—Everything is quiet in police circles, the weather has been too cold for the boys to go out on a rampage.

—Miss Maggie Harper of Tipperville, after spending a few weeks among her friends in this city returned home last Thursday.

Baptist Church.  
All the members of the Baptist church are respectfully requested to meet at their church in church conference, Sunday, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to transact important business.

—We learn from the Charleston Express that Mr. W. T. Buckner & Son have sold out their carriage works at that place, and will remove to Tennessee or Kentucky.

—We learn that the National Pump Company of this city, contemplate running a saw mill in connection with their pump factory.

—This year young men who don't want to get married will wear large placards on their breasts reading: "I never had any experience in nursing and don't want any."

—We trust the readers of the Courier will pardon the lack of interesting matter in this week's issue. Our editor was unexpectedly called off, hence the necessity for this apology.

### NOTICE:

The undersigned having sold their stock in the Hickman Lumber and Manufacturing Company, and retired from the company by mutual consent, take this method of expressing good will to the Company and soliciting the continuance of public favor in its behalf.

### J. AMBERG'S SONS.

—Quite a number of young men have been in town this week—among the number our old friend and former townsman, Mary Millet, also, Mr. Steve Allen, formerly connected with the house of J. Amberg's sons.

—Miss Ida Adams, after spending the holidays with relatives in this city, left on Thursday for Madrid Road, where she will resume her school. Miss Ida is an accomplished young lady, and as an instructor has given universal satisfaction among her patrons.

—The Hickman Skating Rink under the management of Commodore Simmons, is attracting large crowds every night. This is a deed, both a pleasant and healthful recreation for our young people. Send the little ones and let them learn to skate.

—Although women have the right to propose in leap year, there is no law that compels the man to say yes. This fact ought to encourage the young men to stand firm.

—Mr. W. B. Plummer will shortly commence the erection of several tenement houses in East Hickman. This is a move in the right direction. What Hickman most needs, and has long needed, is more dwelling houses.

The growth and prosperity of every town is helped or hindered to a great extent by the property owners themselves. If they would reach out and provide new buildings at moderate rents for those who would seek to locate among them, they will do much to promote the welfare of the community.

—Our young friend Barnett Tallaferr, who has been connected with the firm of J. B. Wilcox & Co., Louisville, Ky., as traveling salesman, has accepted a situation with a drug house in Memphis. Barnett is a worthy young man and we wish him unbounded success.

—We are informed that Lem Hill has resigned his position as first clerk on the steamer H. A. Tyler. Mr. Hill is very popular with the people along the river, and the traveling public generally will regret to hear of his resignation.

—Navigation on the Mississippi above Cairo is suspended, the river being gorged at several points. The Ohio is not open and boats are passing out of the river in case of a sudden thaw. We trust, however, that the Ohio will run out before the Mississippi breaks up.

—Mr. C. H. Hagglette Wilson, our newly elected City Assessor has gone to work with a vim. We have heard it asserted that he again that there were at least two hundred and fifty town lots in Hickman that have not been listed for years. This is unjust, as the burden should fall alike upon all.

—There will be five eclipses during 1884—three of the sun, one of the moon, and two of the moon.

—Both of which will be visible in this country, the first, a partial eclipse, occurring early in the morning of April 10th, and the other total eclipse occurring in the evening of October 10th.

—Now the girls ought to be happy. It is leap year, and according to tradition it is allowed for the ladies to make advances and propose to the men.

—Our beautiful old bachelors will doubtless be keeping out of the way of the rosy-checked maidens, and many of them will doubtless have to succumb to the bewitching influences of our fair maidens. We would, however, give our girls a little advice, and that is, "look before you leap."

Entree Goodrich Comedy Company.  
Wanted a Husband, was all the manager advertised. "One of the most laughable Comedies ever written, and the company display great ability in their various roles, especially so Miss Goodrich in her charming impersonation of Polly Brighton. There were not many young men in the audience who could have withstood the saucy fascinating little Polly as long as her lover John did. Never was an actress received with more enthusiasm, or the hearts of an audience more completely captured than by little Miss Goodrich last night. The play though bubbling with fun has many a good moral,—"truth spoken in jest." Even when the acts the interest did not drag, for the music was one of the features of the performance. It was without doubt the finest orchestra ever in freeport with a traveling company."

—Express (N. Y. Free).  
At new City Hall in Hickman, Monday evening, January 28th.

—The COURIER has from time to time suggested the idea of organizing a Building Association in Hickman. Other towns have them and much good has been accomplished through their instrumentality. The following from the Terre Haute (Ind.) Express in regard to building associations, may prove of interest to our readers:

"Associations of this kind are what should be termed the 'poor man's friend.' There are twelve of them now in Terre Haute, representing a capital stock of over \$1,000,000. They enable men to get homes when they could not otherwise secure them by any other possible means. The majority of the stockholders are laboring men, who by this means save up five or ten dollars every month to secure them a home. There is now paid into their treasuries every month over \$15,000, which goes to build houses or pay off mortgages. Through the medium of these associations many of our hardworking men have gotten homes, have secured spots of ground and a roof they can call their own, and where no real-estate collector ever sets his foot. The associations are very popular with our German citizens, who with their frugal habits and the aid thus given them, soon become property owners. Every association in the city is now in a flourishing condition. They are wisely managed and are a credit to their organizers."

Congressman Wolford's Start.  
Col. Frank Wolford, Congressman from the Eleventh (Ky.) District, told this remarkable story to the Columbia Spectator:

"When I first married I asked my wife to be my mate early in the morning, got married before breakfast, bought me a farm and started to pick out a location for a house. I met the overseer of the county road, who was that day going to the road and had about 200 hands. I told him I had bought the farm and was on my way to select a spot for my house. He remarked to me that if I would furnish him three gallons of whiskey he would take his hands and build my house that day. I told him I would see him in his grave before I would give him or his hands one drop of whiskey. Then he asked me for \$5. I gave it to him, and he called up his crew and built the house that day, and it was the best house I ever saw. I moved into the house before sundown."

An exchange asks "Is hanging painful?" We imagine that hanging on the gate with the thermometer at twenty-five degrees below zero would be.

## Levees and Railways.

We clip the following from the St. Louis Mail and Industrial Gazette: There is a great deal of good sense in the plan of leveeing the Mississippi, the Government bearing the expense, and letting railroads use the levees as road-beds on condition of keeping them in perfect repair. We like to see good journals, at a distance from our river taking a broad and national view of the subject of its improvement. The Houston Post is one of those sound and sensible journals. Managing-Editor Mitchell knows his subject well when he hits a good lick for the grand "Mississippi," as may be seen from what he says below:

"Senator Plumb believes that the improvement work on the Mississippi will result in the building of levees. This will require much time and a vast expenditure of money. Even when the levees have been completed and the river confined within its banks, another and equally important and difficult matter will have to be settled, viz: the keeping in repair and effectiveness of these immense dykes. If a break or breaks occur, and they surely will unless current work is carried on for their maintenance—their construction will be of little benefit to the inhabitants on the banks and its cost only money thrown away. According to the scheme of Mr. Plumb, these levees could be maintained in perpetuity by the expedient of running railroads upon them. This is a grand idea. It is big enough to scare pot-house economists, but it should please a statesman. It is evident that if such a thing could be, the railroads would keep the levees in repair as a matter of self-preservation. They would follow the effects of such a redemption and security of the richest bodies of land in the world, their settlement, cultivation, and enormous production. Over and above the use of the great river flowing past, the quick moving trains would connect this long strip of alluvial country with the world, and would satisfy its every demand of commerce. It is only reasonable to believe that the consummation of so grand a scheme would lead to increase the wealth and afford impetus to trade of the Union than the addition of a new State in the heart of the country."

A Local Newspaper.  
New Madrid (Mo.) Record.

There is no line of business more necessary and important to the prosperity of a community than a local newspaper. In these days the business of a community can't be transacted without it.

A merchant can't afford to wait for the public to discover that he is receiving new goods, or that he is giving special bargains.

A man who has just opened business can't afford to ride around and tell the people and invite them to patronize him.

A farmer whose stock has strayed can't afford to spend days hunting for it.

A man who has stock or anything else for sale can't afford to quit his business and hunt up purchasers.

A man interested in estates in the Probate court can't afford to spend a week four times a year attending court to find out what claims are being allowed or what administrators have made settlements.

A taxpayer can't afford to attend half a dozen terms of county court every year to find out how the public funds are expended.

A citizen who wants to be informed of the details of an important murder trial in the county can't afford to leave home and attend the trials, day after day.

Of course not. This is all done by the local newspaper. The business men and farmers have their advertisements to the editor, and within 48 hours after the paper is issued, thousands of people in the county have read what they had to say. The editor attends the sessions of the courts, and the next Saturday lays before the public an accurate list of all allowances against estates, the administrators who have made settlements, showing the balances on hand; he gives a clear synopsis of all the proceedings of County court, showing what money has been paid out and for what purposes; he takes down the testimony of the witnesses heard in important criminal cases and publishes it. He publishes up and publishes accurate details of the happenings of the week.

In fact, the local newspaper, properly conducted, is indispensable to a community. It affords a cheap and expeditious medium of communication between those who have anything to sell and those who wish to purchase. It lays before the people each week the details of all important news transpiring in the county.

A man who reads his little local paper every Saturday night is as well posted in the local events of the week as if he had spent the week seeking the information.

The pig-iron men are talking of forming an association similar to that of the whisky pool.

A thousand delegates are expected at the convention for the improvement of the Mississippi in Washington, on February 5.

The purpose of the convention is explained as being to get a liberal appropriation from Congress.

Representative Hill, of Ohio, has introduced a bill in Congress providing for the building of post-offices in towns of second or third class offices, the cost of the buildings in towns of the first class not to exceed \$30,000, and in towns of the third class \$15,000. It is estimated that the aggregate sum for this purpose would be \$30,000,000.

## \$30,000 FOR A DRESS.

How New York Society Ladies Squander Their Fortunes.

"There is a decided difference in the taste of French and American women," remarked a well known importer to a New York reporter, "and we find that Parisian dresses do not sell as a rule, but merely serve as models for effective combinations and styles. Generally our American ladies do not like such bright colors as the Parisians wear, but incline to the more delicate shades. Even if they admire the general style of an imported dress there is always some feature about it they do not fancy. Perhaps one of the colors employed does not suit their complexion, or the drape is too full, or the waist cut too low. At the same time they are not satisfied to order a toilet without having first examined a variety of the imported ones."

Every woman, when about to marry, seems filled with an ambition for a fine trousseau. It is perhaps natural that this should be the case, and even that they should undergo all sorts of privations to carry out their plans for that occasion. Some women even go so far as to spend all of their substance on their bridal outfit. This was notably the case with Mrs. Craig Wadsworth, of Philadelphia. On the death of her father she succeeded to the modest fortune of \$10,000, all of which she sent to her friend, Mrs. Rockhill, who was then in Paris, and who arranged for a trousseau which caused no little admiration in this city.

Lanette has just finished a trousseau for a California girl which cost no less than \$8,000. "But then it was an outfit worth having," exclaimed the artist; "every detail was perfect. The wedding dress was simply lovely, and the dainty white silk stockings to be worn with it had duchesse fronts let in."

MRS. STEWART'S WARDROBE.  
Mrs. A. T. Stewart, it is said, spends as much on her wardrobe as any lady in New York, ordering constantly expensive walking, carriage and dinner dresses. The toilet which Denning made for her for a recent dinner given by her for a recent dinner given by her and Mrs. Grant was of mauve brocade, and cost between \$500 and \$600.

All the modistes claim that a plain, but handsome, dress can be made for from \$350 to \$500. This may be of rich silks and brocades, but, of course, where lace is used it will amount up to many thousands.

M. Moschowitz says he often employs lace worth as much as \$100 per yard, a number of yards being used. This brings the cost up to \$1,500 to \$2,000.

It is said by all that the dress made for the great fancy-dress ball given last year by Mr. W. J. Vanderbilt were far richer than any made for a number of years before or since.

That worn by Mrs. Bradley Martin as Marie Stuart was especially elegant in all its details. The long train was of ruby velvet, exquisitely embroidered in gold and lined in front by a silver chain to show an under-skirt of white silver-brocaded satin with panels embroidered in silver. The bodice of the velvet was worn with a jeweled girde, and made with square neck finished with a high collar. The sleeves were of silver network, embroidered at the top by a purring studded with precious stones, and her veil of pearl-sprinkled white tulle was worn under a coronet of ruby velvet almost hidden by pearls. Her ornaments on that occasion were magnificent diamonds. The dress without the jewels cost no less than \$1,200, the gems being estimated at something nearly approaching \$30,000. Lanette was the dressmaker.

A Heavenly Incident.  
Perhaps the most celestial event of the year will be the opposition of Mars at the end of the present month. The first physical features of Mars that come into view are the snow-caps surrounding his poles. The southern pole is now inclined toward the earth, and a small telescope, say of three inches aperture, will plainly show the circular gleaming patch of snow that covers the antarctic region of the globe of Mars. The dark ring surrounding the snow field, and sometimes called Phillips sea, is almost equally distinct, and some of the other seas, or spots that are believed to be seas, can be seen with the same telescope. With a larger telescope more details are visible, and it would be able to show the two tiny oceans of Mars, which revolve close to the planet, so rapidly that the inner one goes through all the changes from new moon to old moon in less than a day. Another interesting thing about Mars which can now be studied is the mysterious network of so-called canals, which cover a large portion of the planet's surface, particularly in the equatorial regions. The idea that there are really canals constructed by inhabitants of the ruddy planet can hardly be entertained, when it is known that they are sixty miles and more in width.

Death of a child, at the home of his parents, Jan. 18th, 1884, FREDERICK DICKSON, oldest child of D. W. and M. A. Dickinson, aged twelve years, one month and twenty days.

Freddie sleeps, gloom and grief fill his heart. No prayer of a loving mother or fond father can stay the sinister hand of nature. He was generous and manly, his mother's pride and father's companion. "Oh Papa! how I wish we could have a big snow and have days before his death. As kind hands bore his peaceful form to rest, silently this emblem of purity fell and enshrouded the little mound where he sleeps. Why should we grieve, for it is not written: 'Of such is the kingdom of heaven' and what nobler record could a boy of his age leave than for his father to say, 'Freddie never committed an action that I was ashamed of.'"

Do not well, for we all know sweet hope lies deeply buried from human eyes; And to the bereaved heart, let it not be said: "Bury the stone from his grave away."

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A No. 6 BEDSTEAD, \$0.20  
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A No. 8 BEDSTEAD, \$0.05  
A No. 9 BEDSTEAD, \$0.02  
A No. 10 BEDSTEAD, \$0.01

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